

EXHIBIT 5

JESSICA LEEDS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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E. JEAN CARROLL,)

Plaintiff,)

vs.)

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his personal capacity) (LAK) (JLC)

Defendants.)
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DEPOSITION OF JESSICA LEEDS

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Trump?

A. Yes.

Q. When was that?

A. Well, the first time I met him was on an airplane coming back from I believe Dallas, it was a Brandiff flight. I was asked by the stewardess -- I was flying coach. I was asked by the stewardess if I would like to come up and sit in first class.

Well, Brandiff had great meals. Absolutely, I went up to first class, and it was the first seat behind the bulkhead. And there was a gentleman sitting at the window seat and he introduced himself, and we shook hands and we chatted for a while. He introduced himself as Donald Trump.

Q. And do you recall where you were traveling on this flight?

A. I was coming into New York, to Laguardia because that's where my car was.

Q. Okay. And do you recall what year this took place?

A. I think it was '79.

Q. Okay. And you testified that the man sitting in the window seat introduced himself as Donald Trump. Were you familiar with Donald Trump

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at the time?

A. Not at that time. I was living in Connecticut -- flying out of the New York airports, but living in Connecticut and was totally unaware of Trump and his goings and comings.

Q. And what happened after Donald Trump introduced himself?

A. We had the meal and then it was cleared, and then after the meal he suddenly turned and started assaulting me.

Q. Just before we get to that, what happened while you were eating?

A. Nothing. We ate.

Q. Did you speak?

A. No. We were eating.

Q. Okay.

A. We chatted before the meal was served. There was some conversation before the meal was served, but after that I don't remember any conversation during the meal.

Q. Do you recall what you chatted about?

A. No.

Q. So you testified that after the meal was cleared he started assaulting you. What did you

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mean by that?

A. Well, he was with his hands grabbing me, trying to kiss me, grabbing my breasts, pulling me towards him, pulling himself on to me. It was kind of a struggle going on. Part of my brain was wondering why the people in the back -- in the seat behind me weren't noticing that the seat was jiggling around and why wasn't the guy that was sitting across the aisle saying something or where in hell was the stewardess. That went on for what seemed like a terribly long time, but it probably was just a few seconds.

It was when he started putting his hand up my skirt that I realized that nobody was going to save me but me, and I was on the aisle, I managed to wheel my way out of the chair, and grabbed my purse and I went back to my seat in the back.

Q. And did Donald Trump say anything while this was happening?

A. Not a word. There was never any sound that I can recall.

Q. Did you say anything while this was happening?

A. Nope.

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me would I man the table that distributed the chits for the people to go to their table.

So I'm at Saks 5th Avenue, I'm all dolled up, it's one of these sparkly evenings. I get to meet Bill Blass and Oscar De Le Renta and Mary McFadden who recognized her address. It was just magical. And up comes Trump with his wife, who is hugely pregnant, and I'm thinking I remember you, but I didn't say anything. I just handed him his chit. And he looked at me and he said "I remember you, you're the cunt from the airplane." It was like a bucket of cold water had been poured over me, and it was like the room suddenly cleared and I was all by myself and he went on. I left very shortly after that.

All right. That's 1981, '80, '81. So I watch Trump in the news, and in the years prior to 2016 he makes noises that he's going to run for President. I don't take him seriously, but when it becomes apparent that he's going to run for President I started telling -- well, I started off telling my children because I have a Republican son and my book club, my neighbors, anybody who would be patient and listen to my stories, you know, we don't

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and news media people who did interviews for me, and then it was -- then it calmed down.

Q. And were you ever paid for any of your interviews?

A. No.

Q. Did Donald Trump ever respond to your story?

A. As I recall, he made the remark that I was not his type, and, of course, he was also looking at a picture of a 78-year-old woman and in his mind he would never make a pass at somebody that old.

Q. And do you recall anything else from what he said about you?

A. Not really.

Q. And did anyone from Donald Trump's presidential campaign ever reach out to you about what you had said?

A. I got a report from a reporter that he was going to sue me, but I never heard anything from any Trump representative.

Q. And do you recall ever being accused of fabricating a story as part of a conspiracy with the Democratic party?

A. No.